

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

BEDNARIK *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/917,710

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For: **Soluble Interleukin-1 Receptor
Accessory Molecule**

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 3, 1998, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 10), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 1, 6-19, 30-37, 40-48 and 59 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.